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18. [REDACTED] LIAISON At the award presentation for Mr. Cary, I talked to Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, about Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) amendment to the State Authorization bill and outlined the problems we have with the amendment. He agreed that the amendment could restrict our activities and promised to do what he could to see that we were protected. I gave him a fact sheet and other background data for his use.

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I also spoke to him about the 6 March 1973 transcript of the hearing before the Committee at which former Director Helms testified. I told him that the State Department had advised us that Chairman John Sparkman (D., Ala.) had asked for State's opinion as to the releasability of the report to the Department of Justice and that State had told us that much of the material covered in the transcript was related to Agency activities. I told Holt that because of this we felt quite strongly that we should have a chance to look at the transcript and make a recommendation to the Chairman with respect to the release of the report. He suggested that we talk further on the matter and felt that something could be worked out.

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22.  LIAISON Bob Dockery, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called with a problem concerning a letter of intent from the State Department to the Committee nominating a person to an ambassadorship. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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